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MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 10th March 1970.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. D. KOTHAVALE) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTION

(to which oral answers were given)

CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER TUNGABHADRA.

290. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar)—

will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Karnatak Construction Company is the Contractor entrusted with the construction of the bridge across the River Tungabhadra at Harihar ;

(*b*) the value of the work for which contract is given ;

(*c*) when was the contract given and the period within which the work had to be completed;

(*d*) the reports of the concerned officer regarling the performance of these Contractors in the construction of this bridge ?

SRI K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works)

(*a*) no ; the contractors are M/s. Karnatak Traders.

(*b*) Rs. 19.98 lakhs.

(*c*) In May 1965.

Within a period of three years.

(*d*) The reports indicate that there has been delay on the part of the Contractors in the completion of the work.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that this bridge is for connecting the road to National Highway No. 4 between Bangalore and Poona and this bridge was sanctioned because the old bridge that we are now using was broken in the year 1924 and on account of urgency this work was taken up ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA : It is true, Sir.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Knowing the performance of these contractors as was brought to the notice of the Government during the last few days, is it advisable to continue them as contractors for the completion of this work, or do you think it advisable to change the contractors and give the work to contractors who can do this work satisfactorily ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—The estimate of this bridge comes to Rs. 19 lakhs and odd. So far, they have already completed 93 per cent of the work amounting to Rs. 18,47,447, and only a small portion of the work is now left over. At this stage, I feel it is not desirable to take any step against the contractors. They have also undertaken to finish the work by June 1970.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—What is the penalty, if any, you have imposed on the contractors for failure on their part to have completed this contract work in time ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—This question will have to be examined taking into account some of the delays on the part of the Department also. Government of India made lot of delay in giving designs, etc. Also, to start with it was contemplated to have open foundations, but afterwards it came to the notice of the Department that deep-well foundations will have to be done, and again there was some delay. If any penalty is to be imposed, we have to take all these things into consideration. The matter is under consideration and we will examine it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಆರ್. ಹಾಲಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಟ್ರೇಡರ್ಸಿಗೆ ವರ್ಕ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಯಾವ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತು ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—The work order was issued on 15th May 1965 They had to complete the work by 16th May 1968. They did not do it in time.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know how many contractors had come forward for this particular work and what was the lowest bid ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—The tender of these contractors was the lowest, their rate was even below the schedule rate and it was 2.69 per cent less than the amount of the estimate, and therefore we had to consider this case.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.— ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹಾಲಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ವರ್ಕ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಬೇಸಿಸ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೆಲಸಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತೆಂದೂ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಮನ್‌ಕರ್ ಅವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬೇಸಿಸ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತೆಂದು ಎರಡು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದು ಸರಿ ? ಇನ್ನು ಆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕಂಡೀಷನ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ತಪ್ಪಿನಡೆದಾಗ ಅವರಿಂದ ಬರಿ ಜುಲ್ಮಾನೆ ಒಂದನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ವಸೂಲ್ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಇದೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅವರಿಂದ ಕಾಸ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು; ಹೆಚ್ಚುತ್ತದೋ ಅಷ್ಟನ್ನೂ ವಸೂಲ್ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Sir, the details are hot before me. If the Hon. Member wants that information, I will furnish it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ನಿತ್ಯವೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಇವರು ಸುಪ್ರಭಾತವನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿದಂತಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಹಾಗೆ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಅವುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಕಂಡೀಕ್ಷನ್‌ಗಳನು ಸ್ಪಿಪ್ಯುಲೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು, ಇವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಕೆಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದಿಡಲಾಗುವುದೇ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ಉಪಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಉದ್ಭವಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri BAPU GOWDA.—Will the Minister for Public Works take necessary measures and precautions to see that questions relating to Karnataka Traders may not be asked in this House ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The supplementary is disallowed as it is besides the scope of the main Question.

ಶ್ರೀ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬೋರೆಗೌಡ—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಟ್ರೇಡರ್ಸಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಈ ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು? ಅವರು ಹಾಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದನ್ನಾದರೂ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ವಿವರಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸದ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಡಿಲೆ ಆಪಾದನೆ ಒಂದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ಆಪಾದನೆಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri SIDDAIAH KASHIMATH.—May I know the amount paid to the contractors until now and whether the time limit has been extended ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—They have asked for extension of time till June 1970 and the matter /s under consideration.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA : It seems many works are given to these contractors. I want to know whether they purposely quote low rates with a view only to get the work, and if so, are they not doing it intentionally ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Sir, I do not know that.

Sri R. DAYANANDA SAGAR.—Have you received any complaint that the workmanship of these contractors has been difective in this project and what action have you taken ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Practically no such defects have been noticed nor complaints received.

CLOSURE OF K. C. T. MILLS, HUBLI

296. Sri S. R. BOMMAI—(Kundgol).— Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that about five thousand workers are unemployed due to the closing of the K. C. T. Mill at Hubli and the steps Government has taken to provide employment to these workers ;

(*b*) whether the Government is thinking of starting the Mill or selling it or handing management to anybody ;

(*c*) the loss incurred from the date of starting up to closing of the K. C. T. Mill ;

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any step for recovery of this loss from the body responsible for it, if not reasons for it ;

(*e*) whether the Government has dissolved the body which mismanaged and caused heavy loss in K. C. T. Mill administration, if not, reasons for the same ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

(*a*) 1,886 workers are unemployed due to the closure of the Mills. Workers have been given compensation as per rules. The question of providing employment does not arise.

(*b*) It has been decided to hand over the Mills to Messrs. G. Mahadevappa & Sons, Hubli, for running it on lease.

(*c*) Rs. 66,69,397-15 (approximately) as at the end of 30th June 1969.

(*d*) The losses are working losses and as such the questiou of the recovery does not arise.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*d*) above.